

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 821
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joy Rose on being
named Union Heights Elementary School
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Joy Rose of Union Heights Elementary School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rose has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for her school, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, as stated by Director of Schools Dr. Dale Lynch, "To be recognized as building level Teacher of the Year by one's colleagues is one of the most prestigious honors one can receive"; and

WHEREAS, all school-wide Teachers of the Year will be considered for further recognition on a system-wide basis in three categories, pre-k through grade four, grades five through eight, and grades nine through twelve; those winners will then be nominated for district honors; and

WHEREAS, Joy Rose places great emphasis on education in her personal life, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and pursued graduate education at the University of Tennessee, Lincoln Memorial University, Loyola Marymount University, and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Joy Rose is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and their families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, a true leader in her profession, she is Reading Coordinator at Union Heights, has been Lead First Grade Teacher since 1983, and has served as a member of the School Improvement Plan, Reading and Math Curriculum Alignment, and Technology Grant Committees; and

WHEREAS, also an active and invaluable member of her community, she has shared her time and energy with such worthy causes as the United Way, In Touch, the National Right to Life Association, the American Family Assistance Association, the American Center for Law and Justice, the Girls Club, the Christian Children's Fund, St. Jude's, Angel Tree, the Red Cross, and the March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rose has taken great care to share the importance of civic involvement with her students, encouraging them to collect cans of food for various shelters, collect Toys for Tots, make shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, and make tray favors for patients in area nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, she is an active member of First Baptist Church of White Pine, where she is involved with the youth ministry; she has also traveled with the "Not Ashamed" drama and praise teams, helps with Judgment House, is a leader with the children's choir, and delivers meals to shut-ins and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rose truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Joy Rose epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Joy Rose on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for Union Heights Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the youth

of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.